

## VA Travel Benefits

### Benefit Description

If you meet the below criteria, you may be eligible for VA travel benefits associated with obtaining VA health care services. In most cases, travel benefits are subject to a deductible. Exceptions to the deductible requirement are: 1) travel for a compensation and pension examination; and 2) travel by an ambulance or a specially equipped van.

### You Qualify If:

- you have a service-connected rating of 30 percent or more
- you are traveling for treatment of a service-connected condition
- you receive a VA pension
- you are traveling for a scheduled compensation or pension examination
- your income does not exceed the maximum annual VA pension rate
- your medical condition requires an ambulance or a specially equipped van, you are unable to defray the cost, and the travel is pre-authorized (authorization is not required for emergencies if a delay would be hazardous to life or health)

### Mileage Rates

- General Patient Travel\*: \$.11 per mile  
\*Scheduled appointments qualify for round-trip mileage unscheduled are limited to return mileage only.
- A Directed Travel\* : \$.17 per mile  
\*Authorized travel associated with VA's request for a re-examination of veteran following an initial Compensation and Pension examination.

### Deductible\*

\$3 for each one-way trip (\$6 for each round trip)\*

\*Subject to a monthly deductible cap of \$18 deductibles, travel payments made for the balance month will be free of deductible charges.

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